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SUBJECT: MOBUTU'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE AND NEW ECONOMIC INITIATIVES

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1. IN SHORT NEW YEARS EVE RADIO/TV MESSAGE, DEVOTED LARGELY TO NEW ECONOMIC INITIATIVES, PRESIDENT MOBUTU REVERSED DECEMBER 26 DECISION WHEREIN HIS "CLOSEST COLLABORATORS" E.G. COMM D'ETAT, COMM DU PEUPLE, COMM POLITIQUE WOULD BE GRANTED FOREIGN-OWNED FARMS AND PLANTATIONS. MOBUTU SAID THAT AFTER ANALYZING THIS DECISION, HE HAD DECIDED THAT IT DID NOT SERVE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE. ACCORDINGLY, ALL ACTIVITIES EFFECTED BY NOVEMBER 30 MEASURES CONCERNING FOREIGN-OWNED ENTERPRISES WOULD BE TOTALLY TAKEN OVER BY THE STATE, BECAUSE IT IS THE ONLY INSTITUTION REPRESENTING ALL THE PEOPLE. UNDER NEW POLICY, ZAIRIANS WISHING ACQUIRE PLANTATIONS OR FARM MUST PAY THE STATE WHICH WILL SET CONDITIONS. TO PREVENT CREATION OF PRIVILEGED CLASS, THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTION TO THIS POLICY, WHICH WILL APPLY TO THE CHIEF OF STATE HIMSELF. (NOTE: LIST OF FOREIGN ENTERPRISES TO BE TAKEN OVER AND ZAIRIAN PRECIPIENTS PROMISED FOR DECEMBER DID NOT UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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APPEAR). NEW POLICY DOES NOT EFFECT PREVIOUS DECISION CONCERNING SMALL FOREIGN-OWNED BUSINESSES. PRIVATE ZAIRIAN CITIZENS HAVING

MEANS AND ABILITY CAN TAKE OVER SUCH BUSINESSES. IN ORDER ACHIEVE TOTAL CONTROL OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY, NEW NATIONAL OFFICES, SIMILAR TO EXISTING OFFICES FOR COTTON AND COFFEE, WILL BE SET UP FOR OIL, RUBBER, CACAO, FISHERIES, FORESTRY, CERALS. A PEOPLE'S SHAREHOLDING ORGANIZATION WILL BE CREATED SOON TO PERMIT ALL SEGMENTS OF POPULATION TO PARTICIPATE IN MANAGEMENT OF NATIONAL ECONOMIC PATRIMONY.

2. ON FOREIGN POLICY FRONT, MOBUTU ANNOUNCED THAT ZAIRE WILL GIVE UNSTINTING SUPPORT TO AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN COMING YEAR AND WILL FIGHT ALONGSIDE ARABS AS LONG AS ISRAEL OCCUPIES THEIR TERRITORIES IN DEFIANCE UN RESOLUTIONS. AS LONG AS COLONIALISM AND EXPLOITATION CONTINUE TO EXIST, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA, PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ARE ENDANGERED. ZAIRE HAS MISSION TO OPPOSE ALL SUCH FORMS OF EXPLOITATION AND TO SHOW TO THE EXPLOITATED PEOPLES THAT THE EARTH BELONGS TO ALL AND NOT TO JUST A LITTLE CLIQUE THAT DICTATES THE LAW.

3. ANALYSIS TO FOLLOW WHEN IMPLICATIONS NEW POLICY BECOME CLEARER.
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